

## NOTES AND NEWS

Mr. Louis F. Henderson of the University of Oregon, Eugene, has recently retired from active service. Mr. Henderson, a pioneer botanist of the Pacific Northwest, had been Curator of the Herbarium since 1925. Previous to his connection with the University of Oregon he was Professor of Botany at the University of Idaho, Moscow.

The following recent appointments are of special interest to botanists of western North America: Dr. Norman Boke, Department of Botany, University of California, Berkeley; Dr. F. R. Fosberg, Bureau of Plant Industry, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.; Dr. George Neville Jones, Department of Botany, University of Illinois, Urbana; Dr. Marion Ownbey, State College of Washington, Pullman; Dr. Louis Wheeler, University of Missouri, Columbia.

The veteran collector and student of Philippine plants, A. D. E. Elmer, has just published article 136, continuing Volume X of his "Leaflets of Philippine Botany," pages 3673 to 3810. This "article" or number contains very full descriptions in English of 103 new species of flowering plants. The author announced in 1937 that the publication will close with Volume X. It represents thirty-five years of hard and efficient work under difficulties not likely to be appreciated by any who have not tried to work under similar conditions. The plants and the publication may be obtained from the author, Manila, Philippine Islands. The most complete set of his plants is understood to be in Dudley Herbarium, Stanford University.—E. B. COPELAND.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE CALIFORNIA BOTANICAL SOCIETY

January 19, 1939. Meeting, Room 2093, Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley, at 8:15 p. m. The President, Professor H. E. McMinn, occupied the chair. The following officers were elected and installed: President, Professor H. E. McMinn; First Vice-President, Dr. Ira L. Wiggins; Second Vice-President, Dr. Carl B. Wolf; Treasurer, Dr. David D. Keck; Secretary, Dr. Lincoln Constance. Professor William W. Mackie, of the California Agricultural Experiment Station, gave an illustrated address on "The Origin of the Lima Bean." The transmission of the culture of lima beans was traced throughout northern South America, Central America, the West Indies, Mexico and the southern United States, probably from the vicinity of Peru.

February 16, 1939. Meeting, Administration Building of the Regional Park Service, Lake Temescal, Oakland, at 8:00 p. m.